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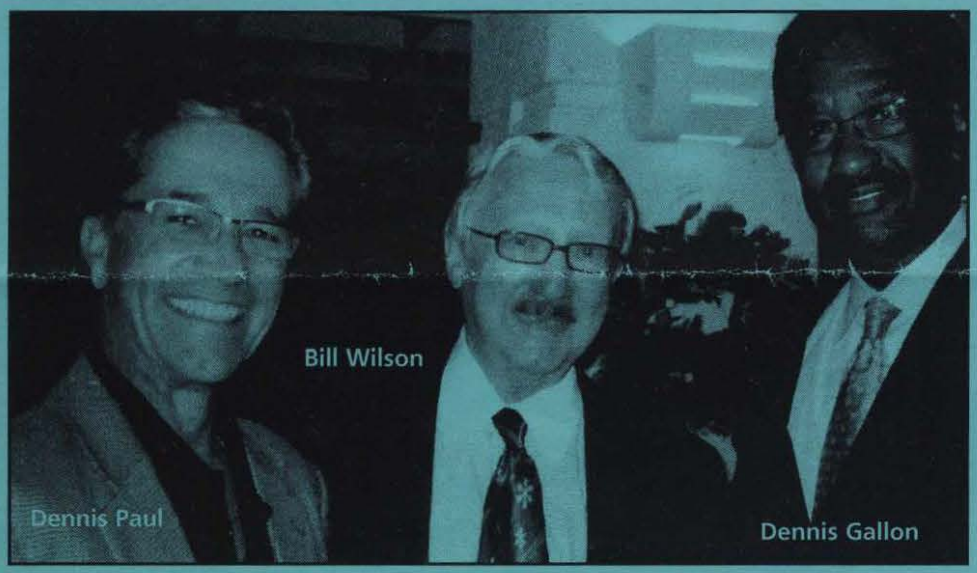


Message from the President ... *Bill Wilson*

The Holiday Party held in December was again a very merry event—good food, drink, music, gifts, and fellowship. No one went home unhappy or empty-handed. (Some of us even had more gifts than hands with which to carry them!)

Ruth Graham again graciously volunteered to play the piano for us as we socialized before lunch. (Ruth is Paul's wife.) Because it was Pearl Harbor Day, she played patriotic tunes such as "God Bless America," as well as Christmas music.

This event goes so well that we are booked again—for Friday December 5, 2008. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

At our meeting last October the program featured scenes from the videotape, "Good Night, Sweet Prince," a tribute to Watson B. Duncan III, deceased. The tape is narrated by actor Monte Markham and features actor Burt Reynolds. Both actors were students of Professor Duncan at Palm Beach Junior College.

Several copies of this videotape had been "discovered" stored away at the College. EFA member Honey Duncan, Watson's widow, graciously distributed copies to members requesting them at the meeting. The remainder were given away at the Holiday Luncheon Party

We have lost some of our friends and colleagues to death these past few months: Freddie Jefferson, Eleanor Myatt, Ray Daugherty, Jonathan Koontz, and Bill Bosworth (Mary's husband). We mourn for all.

I am concerned about our membership numbers. We have many retirees eligible to join us, but not a large number do so. For a very small dues fee they can keep in touch with colleagues they have worked with as friends for years. Yet many retire and do not join the EFA. Others move away or decide to sever all alliances with their College past. The latter is mysterious to me. I like to know where these friends are and what their new lives are like.

As we are all aware, prices for everything keep rising. Other organizations that I belong to have all raised their dues. Atlantis has raised the cost of our Holiday Party. We are, however, keeping our modest dues the same We can do this as long as our membership grows and dues are paid.

Our Spring meeting will be on Friday, May 2, 11:00 a.m., Faculty Dining Room, Lake Worth Campus, and will include lunch as usual. Election of officers for the coming year will be held. If you would like to see new faces in some of these offices, nominate someone. Or nominate yourself, if you would like to enjoy the experience. Give me a call and let's discuss it (967-5063).

I hope to see many of you at the meeting. Let's have a good turnout!

We are counting on all of you.

See you May 2!

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Freddie Jefferson, former professor of English at Palm Beach Junior (later, Community) College, died in October 2007. Her obituary appeared in *The Palm Beach Post*, 11-03-07, and can be accessed at **www.pbpost.com/obits**. Freddie had such a distinguished career, not only as an educator but also as a journalist and author, and was so well known and admired that the entire front page of the "Local" section of *The Palm Beach Post* was devoted to articles about her.

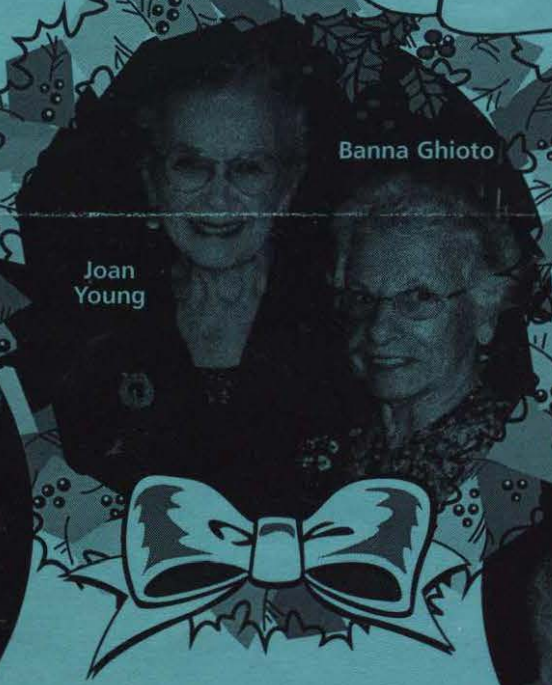
Sandy Collins writes that she has not been able to attend any of our meetings or gatherings for over a year because she's always out of town! She missed the October meeting because she was in Europe and the December Holiday Party because she was in New York. Keep going, Sandy! Enjoy yourself!

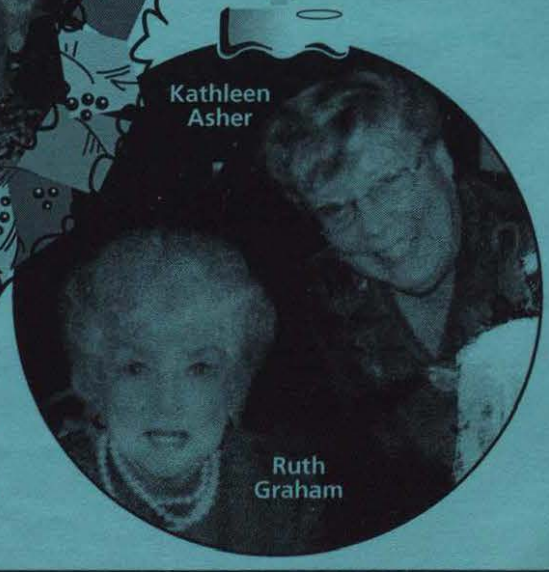
Helen Darcey and husband John are staying well, although she has difficulty walking, and still enjoying their lifestyle at La Posada.

A memorial service for **Eleanor Myatt** was held in January 2008 at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach. Eleanor died in September 2007 at the age of 83. Prior to her 1994 retirement she had been a professor of history and political science at Palm Beach Junior/Community College for 34 years. Her obituary appeared in The Post , 10-21-07.

Ivor Wetherby writes that she enjoyed Art Schneider's comment (in the last EFA newsletter) about his county in Michigan's having only one traffic light. She says that, when she moved to a rural area in Polk County , NC, after retirement, there was only one traffic light. But since then, the population has more than tripled and traffic has increased commensurately. The only good thing, she says, about the increase in numbers is the increase in the number of doctors servicing the area. Ivor has to "use a walker for balance every step [she] takes—also, carpal tunnel problems"—so writing is difficult, but apparently, she still drives.

2007 Holiday Party





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At the convention of the U.S.S. Coral Sea Association in Las Vegas in October 2007, **Bill Wilson** was named new Chairman of the Coral Sea Scholarship Program. He says it is an important task—and more work! He writes: "The convention was held at the Palace Station Casino and Hotel. Our room was two doors down from the room O. J. Simpson had broken into two weeks earlier and put himself in more trouble."

Joan Young was hospitalized for several days in February with an attack of acute colitis but has since recovered well. Towards the end of May she will be traveling to upstate New York, where family and friends will gather at her brother's house for the dedication of trees planted in memory of two close family members who died in 2007. One of her granddaughters, who lives in California, has requested a trip to Las Vegas to celebrate her 21st birthday in July. So Joan will be joining her and her mother and her mother's partner and her sister for a GIRLS' VEGAS SPREE! Joan continues to be actively involved in the Florida Association of Community Colleges, both at PBCC, where she is an officer in the college's Chapter , and at the state level.

Carl and Trinette Robinson

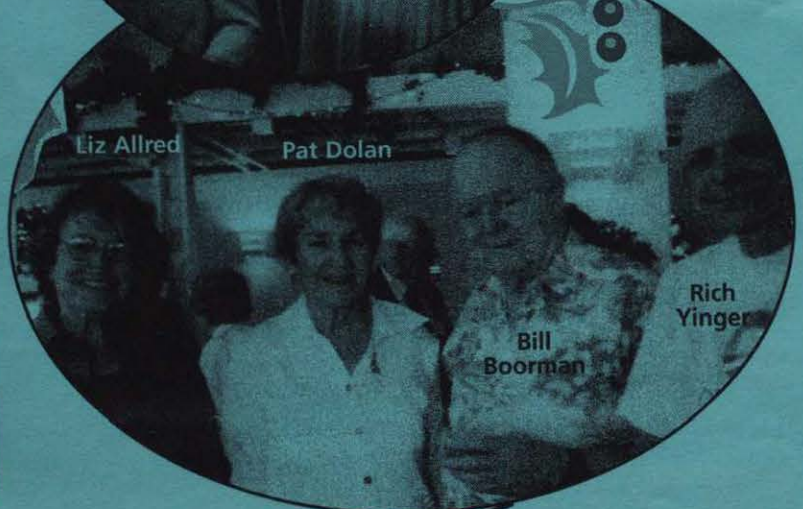
Sunny Meyer

Mary Bosworth

Nancy McPherson

Banna Ghioto

Sunny Meyer



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Bill Boorman

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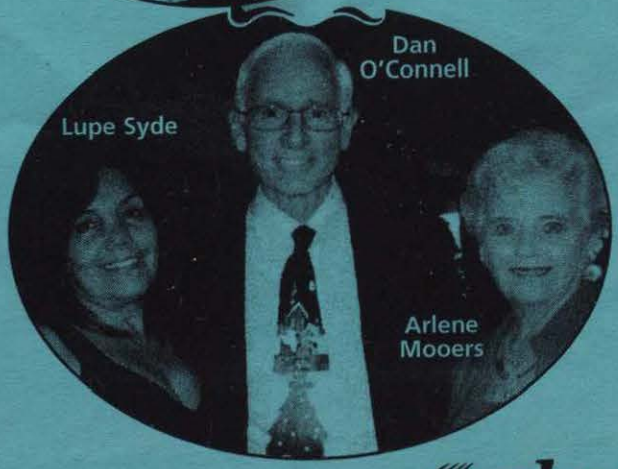

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DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

May 2, 2008
Luncheon Meeting

DECEMBER 5, 2008
Holiday Party

DID YOU FORGET?

It's not too late!

Never too late! - to keep up your membership in the Emeritus Faculty Association, where you can keep in touch with your former colleagues at Palm Beach Community College.

You can mail your annual dues to--

HONEY DUNCAN
1019 Snowden Drive
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--or you can just come to the meeting on May 2 and pay your dues then.

Active Membership $10
(In P.B. County or within 100 miles)

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(Spouse)

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(Not in P.B.County)